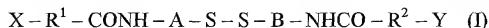


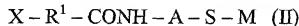
Abstract Of The Disclosure

A photographic developer composition for use in the development of a black and white silver halide photographic element said composition comprises at 5 least one developing agent and, in an amount sufficient to inhibit sludge deposition, one or more compounds selected from compounds having the formula



wherein

A and B are each independently a substituted or unsubstituted aliphatic, alicyclic, 10 aromatic or heterocyclic group;
R¹ and R² are each independently a substituted or unsubstituted aliphatic, alicyclic, aromatic or heterocyclic group;
X and Y are each independently a solubilising group;
and compounds having the formula



wherein A, R¹ and X are as defined above, and

M is either a hydrogen atom or a cationic species if the sulfur atom is in its ionised form.